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In re application of	:	PATENT APPLICATION
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JAMES SINGER et al.	:	METHOD AND DISPLAY FOR
	:	SELLING WINDOW COVERINGS
Filed May 20, 2004	:	

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

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Sir:

Applicants inform the Examiner that they have a co-pending application directed to related subject matter which was filed April 6, 2004, and assigned Serial No. 10/918,504.

Applicants call the attention of the Examiner to the following prior art:

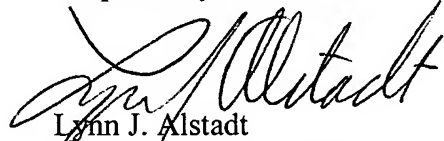
United States Patent No. 886,057 to Hockaday  
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United States Patent No. 2,795,059 to Mendelsohn  
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United States Patent No. 5,228,857 to Roland  
United States Patent No. 5,370,024 to Lerner et al.  
United States Patent No. 5,807,110 to Hytry et al.  
United States Patent No. 5,855,480 to Housman  
United States Patent No. 6,039,576 to Gabig et al.  
United States Patent No. 6,068,139 to Brozak, Jr.  
United States Patent No. 6,527,128 to Samaria

United States Design Patent Des. 278,954 to Bolyn  
United States Design Patent Des. 303,460 to Schouten  
United States Design Patent Des. 334,587 to Steinert  
United States Design Patent Des. 335,781 to Moncrief et al.

"Comfortex Retail Merchandising Displays," Window Fashions,  
April, 2004, p. 27.

The above patents are listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A. Only a copy of the  
Window Fashions advertisement is enclosed. The other references are United States patents  
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		US- 886,057	4/28/08	Hockaday	
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